

REMARKS

Pending claims 1-18 have been rejected in the April 20, 2007 Final Office Action on the following grounds: claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 12 and 15-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Toba (U.S. Patent No. 6,907,276 B2); claims 9, 10, 13, 14 and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Toba in view of Matsumoto et al. (U.S. 2002/0119768 A1); and claims 3 and 6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Toba as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Lenchik et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,658,272 B1).

Applicants submit the following remarks wherein the Examiner's rejections are respectfully traversed.

Applicants respectfully submit that Toba fails to show or suggest a mobile portable communication terminal wherein the main display unit is visible to a user in at least said closed state of the portable terminal. Toba teaches a portable terminal that has the external display unit 11 on the outer surface of either of the housings and the main display unit 5 on the internal surface of the housing. With regard to Toba's portable terminal, when the housings are in the closed state, the main display unit is not visible to the user.

In contrast, with regard to the claimed portable terminal, the user can see the main display unit even when the housings are in the closed state. As for claims 1 and 5, Applicants have amended the claims to recite "when said detecting unit detects opening of either of said housings, said control unit changes a non-input screen of an item to be displayed on said main display unit in the closed state to an input screen corresponding to said item" in order to clarify the difference between the subject matter of claims 1 and 5 and the teaching of Toba.

For at least the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that this patent application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and prompt allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is urged to telephone Applicants' undersigned counsel at the number noted below if it will advance the prosecution of this application, or with any suggestion to resolve any condition that would impede allowance. In the event that any extension of time is required, Applicant petitions for that extension of time required to make this response timely. Kindly charge any additional fee, or credit any surplus, to Deposit Account No. 50-0675, Order No. 848075-0057.

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